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Anthony D. Rodgers, Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
801 E. Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85034

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Arizona State plan amendment (SPA) 03-010. The SPA updates the average monthly nursing facility rates for private patients in Arizona, for purposes of calculating the period of Medicaid ineligibility imposed on individuals who make prohibited transfers of assets. I am approving this SPA with the requested effective date of October 1, 2003.

If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Ronald Reepen at (415) 744-3601.

Sincerely,

Linda Minamoto
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health

Enclosure

cc:

Joan Peterson, CMS, CMSO, FCHPG
Elliot Weisman, CMS, CMSO, PCPG (two copies)

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: ARIZONA

TRANSFERS OF ASSETS (ON OR AFTER AUGUST 11, 1993)

Section 1917(c)
of the Act

For transfers of assets on or after August 11, 1993, the State complies with 1917(c) of the Social Security Act, as amended by Section 13611 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. Page 2 of Supplement 9 to Attachment 2.6-A specifies what constitutes undue hardship.

The period of ineligibility shall begin with the month in which such assets were transferred and the number of months in such period shall be equal to the total uncompensated value of the assets so transferred, divided by (check one of the following):

~~\$~~ which is the average cost to a private patient at the time of application, of nursing facility services in the State; or

X the average cost, to a private patient at the time of application, of nursing facility services in the community in which the individual is institutionalized. The average monthly costs for nursing facility services in the various communities in the State are listed below:

\$4,027.61 (Maricopa County)
\$4,027.61 (Pima County)
\$4,027.61 (Pinal County)
\$3,743.78 (Balance of State)